



COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

ANNUAL REPORT

1942

To the Chairman and Members of the

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



MRS. ALLAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1942.

Section A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Area of the District is 103,775 acres.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) according to Rate Books: 4,558.

Rateable Value of the District amounts to £208,632.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £911 3s. 0d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

				TOTAL.	Male.	Female.
Live Births—Legitimate	...	...	...	269	128	141
" " —Illegitimate	...	...	...	11	6	5

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 14.23
 " " (R.G. England and Wales): 15.8.

Still Births—Legitimate	...	...	...	...	14	5	9
" " —Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	1	0

Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still births): 50.84.

Deaths from all Causes	242	120	122
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Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 12.60.
 " " (R.G. England and Wales): 11.6.

There were no deaths from Puerperal causes during the year.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births): —0.

Death Rates of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 57.1.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 52.04.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 181.9.

These are represented by a total of 16 deaths: 7 males and 9 females; Legitimate, 14; Illegitimate, 2.

There was no death from Measles.

There were no deaths from Diphtheria, none from Whooping Cough, one from Diarrhoea under two years, and none from Scarlet Fever.

No unusual or excessive mortality occurred during the year.

No case of Small Pox has occurred.

Section B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Comprise :—

One Medical Officer of Health. (Part Time.)

One Chief Sanitary Inspector and two additional qualified Inspectors, one of whom is absent on military service.

This Department also deals with all new buildings, water supplies, sewage disposal, meat inspection, etc.

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All pathological and bacteriological investigations are conducted at Derby in the County Laboratories.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is supplied gratuitously in necessitous cases.

(b) AMBLANCE FACILITIES.

Cases of Infectious Disease are removed by the Motor Ambulance to the High Peak Hospital, Chinley, whilst the Red Cross Ambulance, together with an ambulance maintained by Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, serve for non-infectious and accident cases. The Borough of Buxton and Glossop also possess Motor Ambulances.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

No provision is made for home nursing of Infectious Diseases. In most instances cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital at Chinley.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres: 1 Chapel-en-le-Frith and 1 Hayfield.

Day Nurseries: None.

School Clinics: 1 Chinley.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries: 1 Chinley, consultation and treatment provided by the County Council.

Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases: None.

The Institution at Chinley is utilised by the County Council for school work and Tuberculosis.

(e) HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

1. Tuberculosis: Administered by the County Council.
2. Maternity: None.
3. Children: None.
4. Fever: High Peak Hospital. This comes under a Joint Scheme and serves Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural, Whaley Bridge, and New Mills Urban Districts.
5. Small Pox: This is treated, when it arises, in an isolated part of the Hospital.
6. Other: None.

The following Hospitals outside the District are available:—

- Manchester Royal Infirmary.
- Salford Royal Infirmary.
- Sheffield Royal Infirmary.
- Stockport Royal Infirmary.
- Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.
- Buxton and District Hospital.
- Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, for Rheumatism and Allied Diseases.

The County Council undertake the administration and investigation of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than The Elms, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Public Assistance Institution).

No institutional provision for the care of mental defectives exists in the area.

District Nurses are maintained by the District Nursing Associations and are stationed at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Bamford, Hartington Upper Quarter, Chinley, and Charlesworth. These nurses visit the homes and render excellent service. In many instances they do much of the Midwifery work.

One Medical Officer of Health and four Medical Practitioners act as District Medical Officers under the Poor Law Acts and as District Vaccinators, and one Medical Practitioner acts as Medical Superintendent for the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Section C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER SUPPLY.

The sources of supply are Uplan Surface Water and Springs. Generally speaking, the larger communities are provided with a constant supply of excellent water from the reservoirs, not readily polluted. There are, however, parts of the District where water supply has caused much anxiety for many years.

PEAK FOREST.

In spite of many efforts no progress has been made in improving the water supply of this village.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Sewerage Schemes exist in the following areas:—

- Bamford.
- Castleton.
- Chinley and Buxworth.
- Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- Dove Holes.
- Hope.
- Hayfield.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

BLACKBROOK. This flowing through Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley and Buxworth, and on whose banks are erected Bleaching and Dyeing Works, is liable to pollution by the effluents.

RIVER GOYT. Is similarly apt to be polluted.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Constant endeavour is made to replace old insanitary types by the water carriage system.

4 Privies have been abolished during the year.

8 New Water Closets have been fixed.

0 Cesspools were repaired or cleansed.

No. of Privy Middens in use at the end of 1942 ...	...	1,022
No. of Pail Closets .., .., .., .., ..	...	123
No. of Water Closets .., .., .., .., ..	...	3,940
No. of Trough and Slop Water Closets in use at the end of 1942 ...	...	65
	Total ...	5,150

(ii) SCAVENGING.

In the following Parishes Scavenging is carried out by the Council:—

Castleton, Bamford, Edale, Hope, Derwent, Brough and Shattock, Aston and Thornhill.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (including Dove Holes).

Chinley and Buxworth.

Hayfield.

Charlesworth.

A new Scavenging Waggon was purchased in this year and allocated to the Parishes of Hayfield, Charlesworth and Chisworth.

All the refuse, whether from dustbins, ash pits, earth closets, or privies, is removed to the tips.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

103 Houses were inspected under the Housing Acts.

70 Informal Notices were served.

6 Statutory Notices were served.

6 Notices were complied with.

(iv) SHOPS.

It was not found necessary to take any proceedings under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Nuisance from smoke has several times been discussed, but it was felt that interference was not justified.

A certain amount is inevitable in the industries of this neighbourhood; namely, lime burning.

(vi) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are three swimming baths in the area all privately owned.

(vii) ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS.

No occasion has arisen for action to be taken by the Local Authority for the eradication of bed-bugs.

4. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is on the whole good.

19 of the Schools in the area are provided with Water Closets. Nine have pails or privies.

WATER. With the exception of Branside, King Sterndale and Peak Forest, all the Schools in the area have public supply.

Disinfection of Schools has been carried out in 28 instances.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS
AND REGULATIONS.

There are no offensive trades.

There are no underground sleeping rooms.

Section D.—HOUSING.

The Sanitary Inspector acts also as Building Surveyor.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total—including numbers given separately under (b)	2
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts	0
(1) By the Local Authority	0
(2) By other Bodies or persons	0

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	186
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	547
(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	19

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	45
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	0
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	6
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	6
(a) By Owners	6
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	70
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	70
(a) By Owners	70
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

Section E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

A. MILK SUPPLY.

Most of the milk produced in this area is sent to the larger towns, where it is examined by the authority to which it is consigned.

B. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat destroyed as unfit for consumption (sausages, tinned pork and ham):
50 lbs.

5 tins Milk evaporated.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Shortly after the commencement of the War the Ministry of Food decided to centralise the slaughter of animals for human consumption. All private slaughterhouses were thereupon closed and arrangements were made for killing in one establishment. It may well be that this foreshadows what many authorities have long advocated—the public abattoir wherein all meat will be prepared for food, and the imposition of heavy penalties for illegal slaughtering.

Section F.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

No cases of Malaria, Dysentery, or Trench Fever have been notified. No cases have occurred of locally contracted Anthrax or Psittacosis.

No case of Encephalitis Lethargica has occurred. There is no institutional treatment of aftercases of Encephalitis Lethargica.

The majority of cases of Infectious Disease are removed to the Isolation Hospital.

There was no vaccination or re-vaccination under the Public Health Act 1927 (Small Pox prevention).

There are no facilities for the cleansing and disinfection of verminous persons. Disinfection of premises or articles which have been exposed to infection is

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING

NOTABLE DISEASES OF PIGS IN THE YEAR 1942.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever ...	33	30	0
Diphtheria ...	4	4	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	1	1	0
Pneumonia ...	16	0	11
Erysipelas ...	2	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	1	0

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS.

CANCER.

In the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District the total number of deaths from Cancer is 35 (14 males and 21 females).

This as a percentage of total deaths represents 14.1 per cent., or 11.1 per cent. of male deaths and 17.2 per cent. of female deaths.

BLINDNESS.

No action has been taken under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease or injury to the eyes.

TUBERCULOSIS.

CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 to 5 Years	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
5 to 10 Years	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
10 to 15 Years	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15 to 20 Years	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
20 to 25 Years	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
25 to 35 Years	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
35 to 45 Years	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
45 to 55 Years	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
55 to 65 Years	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Over 65 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	3	6	3	8	0	0	0

PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1925.

No occasion has arisen during the year to deal with any tubercular employee in the Milk Trade.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172.

No cases were removed to Hospital under this Section.

I have the honour to be,

Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COCHRANE,

M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

THE CLERK,

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRETH.

Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council

**Surveyor's and Sanitary Inspector's
Report**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942.

COUNCIL OFFICES,

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

NEW STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

Total number of Plans approved ...	...	...	...	...	...	35
" " " disapproved	...	...	...	...	...	0
Plans approved for New Houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " " other Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	33
New Houses completed—						
By Local Authority under Housing Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
By Private Enterprise ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Buildings completed	...	...	...	...	...	32
Drains laid to above ...	...	...	...	...	yds.	119
Gullies laid to above ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Vent Shafts ...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Inspection Chambers ...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Water Closets ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Privies ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Ashbins ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Settling Tanks or Cesspools ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Intercepting Traps ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Buildings removed ...	...	...	...	...	...	1

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, ETC.

Houses Inspected (Housing Acts) ...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Notices served under Section 11 Housing Act, 1936 ...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Houses Demolished ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Informal Notices served by Inspector ...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Statutory Notices served by Inspector ...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Notices complied with ...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Houses provided with rain water gutters ...	...	...	...	...	...	12
" " " improved light ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " " improved ventilation ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " " dry area round walls ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
" " " new floors ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
House roofs renewed or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	10
" windows repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" chimneys repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" ceilings renewed or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" floors repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" rain water gutters repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" walls pointed or plastered ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Wall plaster repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Ranges and Fixtures repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Houses connected to sewer ...	...	...	...	...	...	22

Houses re-drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
New Drains laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	yds.	247
Gullies fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Septic Tank and Filters built	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
New Vent Shafts fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspection Chambers built	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Water Closet Cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Downspouts disconnected, renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Yards paved or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Coal Houses repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Soil pipes or drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Sink waste pipes fixed or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Blocked drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Privies abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ashpits abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
New Water Closets fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Privies or Ashpits cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
New Dust Bins fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Accumulations of manure and filth removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Samples submitted for Analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other nuisances or repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses Disinfected—Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Public Schools disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Slaughter Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meat condemned as unfit for food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Bakehouses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143

Articles recovered under Salvage arrangements:—

					Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.
Waste Paper	...	...	...	...	100	16	2
Rags	...	...	...	...	9	19	1
Tins	...	...	...	...	15	8	0
Scrap Iron	...	...	...	...	60	7	1
Bones	...	...	...	...	4	18	1
Rubber	...	...	...	...	6	15	0
Cullet	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Non-ferrous metal	...	...	...	...	1	17	0
Steel turnings	...	...	...	...	2	19	0
Bottles	...	...	...	...	468	doz.	
Jam Jars	...	...	...	...	1138	doz.	

Total Value: £987 3s. 2d.

T. DINSDALE,

Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

